

Ismael Purroy: Spain



Major Crops: Corn, olives, almonds, small grains

Farm Size: 70 hectares

Years Farming: 20+

First Planted Biotech Crops: 2001

Favorite Benefits: More confidence. Peace of mind. More profits.

Family: Married, two children

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Video Transcript:

My name is Ismael Purroy. ...

... My family consists of my wife ... two sons, Tomás, who is 12 years old, and Juan, who is eight years old. ... The center of our lives is the family, and from that radiates everything. ... We live with my wife's parents. Altogether, we have three generations that live together.

... we have 40 hectares of corn, 10 to 12 hectares of olive trees, about 20 with grains, and about three with almond trees. ...



For me, farming, I feel it inside of me. So, I like everything about farming. I like it because I am the one responsible for what I do. And, of whether it turns out good or bad. So, I enjoy it. Because I believe, farming is something that you are born with a vocation for. Because aside from the fact that you live from it, you have to like it ...

... among the serious problems regarding growing corn, one is the corn borer. And although another one is hail, we can get insurance against hail, but not against the corn borer. So, being able to solve one of the serious problems that arises every year for us as farmers – it is peace of mind. It is a very good peace of mind.



... it means a lot, especially in the problem years. It means the difference between ending up with a good year or with a bad year. ... You can be a bit more confident about what the production is going to be like. ...

And that means having security within the family. ... And farming also is something that has influence, above all, on our kids. Because they see that being a farmer is something that is profitable, that you can live from, and that you can enjoy, being a farmer.